

world around us in ways that often go unseen. It therefore fitting that from time to time we take a moment to recognize their efforts.

Carole Anderson Graves has an extensive record of service to the Newark community. Since 1995, she has served as the Essex County Register of Deeds and Mortgages. In that capacity, Mrs. Graves has overseen the recording, filing and preserving of all property transactions within the 22 municipalities of Essex County.

Mrs. Graves also has given great deal to the furtherance of education in the Newark area. For nine years, Mrs. Graves was employed as a Special Education teacher at the Dayton Street School and spent twenty-seven years as the full-time President of the Newark Teachers Union. She is also an adjunct professor/lecturer of Labor Relations at Essex County Community College and Rutgers Institute of Labor and Management Relations.

The city of Newark has been truly fortunate to have someone of the talents and dedication of Mrs. Graves within the community. It is an honor to be able to recognize her on this special occasion.●

IN MEMORY OF GREGORY W. MOYER

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of a young man who passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, December 2, 2000. Gregory W. Moyer was the nephew of my friend and former staffer Pat Morrissey. Greg was a 15-year-old basketball player, honor student, and community volunteer from Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pennsylvania. He collapsed during a high school basketball game, victim of an undetected heart defect. At six-foot-three-inches and 220 pounds, his classmates knew him as a "gentle giant." Greg's Aunt Patricia says that, "He could read hearts, young and old alike. He knew what was important."

Pat, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.●

RECOGNIZING DALLAS TONSAGER

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Dallas Tonsager for his years of extraordinary public service as South Dakota's State Director of the United States Department of Agriculture's, USDA, Rural Development, RD, office. Dallas has been a tireless advocate on behalf of rural communities and area residents. His commitment and dedication to ensure the long-term viability of rural communities will continue to cultivate opportunities for rural growth and prosperity for many years to come. Dallas has earned the respect and friendship of those who know him in South Dakota, Washington, D.C. and around the country. On behalf of the citizens of South Dakota, it is my honor to ex-

press our sincere gratitude to Dallas Tonsager for his countless contributions and achievements.

In 1993, President Clinton asked Dallas to bring his talent, integrity, ingenuity, and initiative to federal service to help the Administration address the concerns of Rural America. Dallas accepted the challenge and was appointed director of the former South Dakota Farmers Home Administration by President Clinton. Currently he oversees approximately 80 employees across the state in several Rural Development offices. Prior to his USDA service, Dallas was a two-term South Dakota Farmers Union President, first elected in 1987. Dallas, his wife Sharon, and their family continue to actively participate in a diversified family farm partnership near Oldham, South Dakota. It is clear that from his roots on the family farm, to his service for South Dakota Farmers Union and USDA, Dallas has always had the perspective of the hard working, rural, South Dakota citizen close to his heart. Indeed, he is respected by his colleagues across the country and was presented with the "Hammer Award," by Vice-President GORE in 1995. In 1999, Dallas was recognized as one of two Outstanding Rural Development State Directors in the entire nation by USDA Rural Development Under Secretary Jill Long Thompson.

Rural Development takes a comprehensive approach towards economic development in rural areas, offering loans, grants, and other resources to rural citizens, communities, and Indian reservations. Dallas truly served as a partner in helping the people of rural South Dakota develop sustainable communities. He and his RD staff targeted financial and technical resources to areas of great need throughout the state in order to improve the quality of life. In his Rural Development tenure, Dallas has overseen the distribution of over \$578 million in grants, loans and loan guarantees over the past six years in South Dakota. As such, the South Dakota RD office has been a central figure in the creation of many successful economic development projects in our state.

For instance, the South Dakota Rural Development office was responsible for helping to create one of the first Enterprise Communities in the country—the Beadle and Spink Enterprise Community, BASEC. Additionally, RD assisted in developing the very first American Indian Empowerment Zone in the United States at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Under the leadership of Dallas, Rural Development helped establish the South Dakota Value Added Agriculture Development Center, which now creates opportunities for farmers and ranchers to add value to the raw commodities produced on their operations, and capture the profits from these value-added products. Dallas is one of South Dakota's leading advocates of farmer-owned value-added cooperatives in South Dakota.

Through the Rural Housing Service, South Dakota Rural Development has disbursed \$320 million since 1995, which has benefitted nearly 6,000 families in our state. Moreover, RD has distributed \$173 million in funding under the Rural Business Cooperative Service program, which has saved 2,001 and created another 1,414 jobs in South Dakota since 1995.

Finally, Dallas and his family have always been dedicated to public service, and I know he will continue to contribute to our state and it's citizens in the future. Therefore, I wish him all the best and I will continue to rely upon his valuable insight on the economic development needs in South Dakota. On behalf of the people of South Dakota, I want to thank Dallas for being a true public servant who has helped improve the quality of life for thousands of people all across South Dakota.●

CLOUDCROFT, NEW MEXICO

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, recently the city of Cloudcroft, New Mexico was named one of the world's "10 Overlooked and Underrated Winter Destinations," by the editors of Fodor's Travel Publications.

Cloudcroft hasn't changed much over the years. There are more summer homes than before, but the permanent population has not grown substantially, and the Village still maintains a small-town atmosphere that is so appealing to the tourists who come from every state in the Union and many foreign countries. They appreciate the attitude of the locals and the laid-back feeling of the community as contrasted to the high-speed life in the big cities.

Cloudcroft is located in the southeastern area of New Mexico. A small mountain village located in the heart of the Lincoln National Forest. It is a great travel location for both the outdoors and indoors visitors. For individuals who enjoy the outdoors, it offers year-round hiking, mountain biking, skiing, golfing and other activities. For the indoors visitors it offers a variety of unique shops, restaurants, and museums.

Cloudcroft is not commonly known for its glitzy ski resorts like other cities in New Mexico but rather as a perfect location for families learning the ropes. It offers a number of great inns and the distinction of having no stoplights. A great place for families to take their vacations. Children can play outside and adults can enjoy the quietness of the village.

Cloudcroft offers several festive events such as the New Year's Eve Torchlight Parade down the Cloudcroft mountain, caroling in the Clouds and Currier & Ives Candelit Christmas in December, or the full-moon ice-skating in February.

When visiting Cloudcroft, one must not miss the opportunity to go sledding on the dunes of White Sands National Monument or visit the Sunspot National Solar Observatory. No matter